

Why the 2009 Lynn Township Supervisor Election Is Important to All Residents

Currently, Lynn Township's budget is very tight, and road work, personnel, and planned recreational facilities are either put on hold or eliminated, due to the lack of any forward looking planning and enactments. The Lynn Township Waste Water Treatment plant is both hydraulically and organically overloaded, and must be upgraded. There is no choice. Estimates range from \$2.5M to \$3.5M for this upgrade, and depending on where the final bids fall, current users may have their rates increased from 2 to 3 times what they are currently paying. Not to be lost in this is that the school district represents about 20% of the total usage, and therefore will be required to pay about 20% of the cost. This affects all land owners and tax payers. Excessive sewer fees and taxes negatively affect property values.

Recreation facilities in the township are paid for by recreation fees that are placed on new homes. Currently there are no new fees coming in and therefore no additional recreation facilities for young people.

The fire companies and other volunteer organizations are struggling to find volunteers to help with firefighting and fund raising so that they can supply the community with fire protection, and other services. Churches are seeing diminishing attendance, and therefore giving, which puts their long term financial viability at risk.

What do all these issues have in common, and what would solve some of these issues? It's very simple. A community that has no future planning is going to decline. What is the platform of both the Republican and Democratic candidates on the ballot in November? Both are adamant no growth proponents.

Do you know that Michael Dietrich received more votes in the May primary election than either of the candidates that will be on the ballot in November, but due to the election process and procedures in Pennsylvania, he is not allowed to be on the ballot in November? Do you know that Michael Dietrich is the most qualified of both candidates on the November ballot? Mike is the Bally Municipal Manager and also the Waste Water and Water Supply Manager for Bear Creek Resort. Mike deals with the issues facing Lynn Township on a daily basis through his employment. Do you know that Mike is willing to look at future planning that is in the best interest of the community as well as the school district, such as an Active Adult Community? Unlike the candidates on the ballot who have both fought and are against an Active Adult Community, Mike feels it is exactly the type of community he could support, and would also go a long way to solving some of the problems the township faces. Without new hook-ups connecting to the sewer treatment plant, the existing customers will have to foot the entire cost. Without future planning, there will be no recreation fees for expanding the recreation facilities in the township.

Please consider voting for Mike, by writing in his name on Election Day. We need Supervisors with open minds and the best interest in all residents, not simply a no growth mentality.